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SUBJ: MBFR: AIR MANPOWER: SPC DISCUSSION JANUARY 27

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1. SPC HAD ON JANUARY 27 AGENDA THE U.S. PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING, WITH OPTIONAL U.S. AND SOVIET REDUCTIONS IN PHASE I (REF A).

2. FRG REP (HOYNCK) CONFIRMED THAT THE FRG JANUARY 16 PAPER ON AIR MANPOWER (REF B), WHICH FRG HAD PREPARED PRIOR TO INTRODUCTION OF THE U.S. COMBINED POSITION, REMAINS THE FRG POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT. HE NOTED THAT THE FRG PAPER SUPPORTS INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING WITHOUT REQUIRED AIR REDUCTIONS. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT FRG DIFFERS WITH U.S. ON SUB-CEILING ISSUE, SINCE FRG FAVORS A SUB-CEILING ON GROUND FORCES WITHIN THE COMBINED COMMON CEILING, WHILE U.S. WISHES LIMITED FREEDOM TO MIX WITH NON-EX-SECRET

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LICIT SUB-CEILINGS. HE SAID THAT THE U.S. HAD STATED COMPELLING REASONS IN ITS DECEMBER 2 PAPER (REF C) IN FAVOR OF A SERIATUM APPROACH, WHICH WOULD ENABLE AHG TO TALK TO EAST ABOUT INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING, WHILE NATO CONTINUES TO

STUDY OPTIONAL U.S. AND SOVIET AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS.

3. UK REP (LOGAN) SAID UK DELEGATION IN VIENNA REGRETS THAT ALLIED ABILITY TO OFFER INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING, WITHOUT OPTIONAL U.S. AND SOVIET PHASE I REDUCTIONS, MAY SLIP. THE UK REP IN VIENNA THINKS THAT AN ALLIED OFFER OF INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING, BY ITSELF, WOULD BE A USEFUL NEGOTIATING TACTIC.

4. U.S. REP (MOORE) REITERATED THE U.S. REASONS FOR COMBINING THE PROPOSAL ON INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING AND THE PROPOSAL OF OPTIONAL U.S. AND SOVIET AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS, PER REF C. HE STRESSED THE REASONING IN PARA 6, REFTEL C, THAT OFFERING INCLUSION IN THE COMMON CEILING ALONE, WITHOUT U.S. AND SOVIET AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS, WOULD NOT SUBSTANTIALLY ADVANCE THE ALLIED POSITION FROM THE EASTERN VIEWPOINT. BRUCE

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